

Workers' Compensation Claims for Exposure to and Disease from COVID-19

WA State Fund and Self-Insured Claims Established between Feb 26, 2020 and Oct 12, 2020

Industry Sector ¹	Claims Filed ²	Quarantine ³	Known Positive Laboratory Test ⁴	Hospitalized	Fatal	Claims Accepted	Claims Not Yet Allowed
Health Care & Social Assistance	2839	2611	1531	32	6	2681	33
Public Administration	502	458	120	2	4	455	6
Educational Services	229	211	163	8	1	220	3
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	115	104	51	1	-	83	12
Retail Trade	77	72	29	1	-	12	33
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	75	69	37	-	2	8	32
Accommodation & Food Services	67	59	9	1	-	13	25
Construction	62	48	19	-	-	1	21
Transportation & Warehousing	54	47	15	-	-	7	12
Other Svcs.(except Public Admin.)	46	37	15	-	-	41	-
Manufacturing	45	39	13	-	-	1	18
Wholesale Trade	45	43	7	-	-	5	10
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Svcs.	21	19	7	-	-	2	11
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14	11	2	-	-	5	5
Finance & Insurance	5	5	1	-	-	-	-
Information	4	4	1	-	-	1	-
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Unknown Industry, Not Specified	20	19	3	-	-	1	1
Total	4221	3856	2024	45	13	3536	223

1. Industry sectors defined using the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Educational Services is predominant for university-affiliated hospitals. Administrative & Support & Waste Mgmt. is predominant for hospital and nursing home administrators.
2. Includes claims adjudicated as Accepted, Rejected, Provisional, and claims Not Yet Allowed.
3. Workers may have been told by their employer or healthcare provider to self-quarantine for any # of days.
4. Number of positive tests are likely an undercount, as test results are not always known, particularly for self-insured claims. We linked L&I claim records with COVID-19 data from the WA Department of Health to identify 4.7% of the positive tests.

Claims are confirmed for known or suspected exposure to or disease from COVID-19. Counts of quarantine, laboratory tests, hospitalization, and fatal are for all claims filed. Information about the coronavirus outbreak and workers' compensation coverage can be found on LNI's [COVID-19 Resource](#) page. [Methods for COVID-19 Surveillance](#) details how this table was derived.

Affected workers are under-represented in workers' compensation data, particularly outside of the healthcare sector. Washington's [Confirmed Cases by Industry Sector Report](#) summarizes all positive cases in the state, not just those associated with workers' compensation claims, and indicates a high burden of COVID-19 in the Manufacturing and Agricultural sectors. The industry report is periodically updated and posted to the WA Department of Health's [coronavirus webpage](#).